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Patentees hereby petition that the requirements of 37 CFR 3.81 be waived to correct Patentees error in naming the Assignee and that a Certificate of Correction be granted for the above-identified issued patent.

Due to a clerical error in the preparation of the issue fee transmittal, the name of the assignee was listed incorrectly. The name of the assignee listed on issued U.S. Patent No. 6,730,909 is BAE Systems, Inc., Lexington, MA. This is incorrect. The correct name of the assignee is BAE SYSTEMS Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc., Nashua, NH.

Accordingly, item [73] of U.S. Patent No. 6,730,909 should read as follows:

[73] Assignees: BAE SYSTEMS Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc., Nashua, NH

Patentees enclose highlighted copies of the title page of U.S. 6,730,909 and PTO form 1050, in duplicate.

This Petition is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(h) and the \$100.00 Certificate of Correction fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(a) 130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in connection with this request to our Deposit

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(57) ABSTRACT

Methods and apparatus for compensating a radiation sensor for temperature variations of the sensor. In one example, the radiation sensor is a thermal sensor having at least one property that varies as a function of temperature. The thermal sensor outputs signals based on thermal radiation of interest from a particular radiating body in its view. These signals may contain significant undesirable components due in part to changes in temperature of the sensor itself. Methods and apparatus of the invention compensate the sensor for temperature variations of the sensor that are not due to the radiation of interest, so as to significantly reduce undesirable components in the instantaneous signals output by the sensor. In one example, this is accomplished without thermally stabilizing the sensor itself (i.e., dynamic temperature compensation). In another example, the sensor is thermally stabilized selectively at various predetermined temperatures as a function of the ambient temperature in the proximity of the sensor.

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